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LEGAL NOTICE CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held on <u>Thursday, December 1, 2022, at 6:00 PM</u> to consider the following matters under M.G.L. Ch. 40C and Ch. 2.78 of the Code of the City of Cambridge:

This meeting will be held online with remote participation. The public may participate via the Zoom webinar platform (https://zoom.us/) from a phone, tablet, or computer. To join the meeting, register here: https://tinyurl.com/CHC12012022 or call (301)715-8592. Webinar ID#: 852 1548 3253. Confirm meeting details or view meeting materials online at https://tinyurl.com/CHistComm. Written comment is welcome up to 24 hours before the meeting and may be sent to histcomm@cambridgema.gov.

Public Hearing: Neighborhood Conservation District Study Proceedings

East Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Study: Consider the report of the East Cambridge NCD Study Committee and make recommendations.

Public Hearing: Alterations to Designated Buildings

Case 4886: 21 Loomis St., by Kevin Emery & Eamon Fee. Reduce the size of the existing building and modify the foundation to meet zoning setback requirements. Renovate existing house and construct an attached dwelling unit at rear of existing as previously approved.

Bruce A. Irving, Chair Cambridge Chronicle, 11/17/22, 11/24/22

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The East Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District Study Committee has been meeting since 2020 to identify neighborhood goals and draft a proposal for a neighborhood conservation district (NCD) in the area. The study committee has submitted its report and recommendations for review by the Cambridge Historical Commission at its December 1, 2022, public meeting.



The East Cambridge Neighborhood Conservation District, if adopted by the city council, would regulate new construction as well as demolition and certain alterations to existing buildings with the goal of protecting the architectural character of the area while supporting appropriate change and development.

NCDs regulate only exterior features visible from a public way. Interior features, landscaping, paint colors, and normal maintenance activities are always exempt from re-

view. To address conditions in East Cambridge, the Study Committee also recommends automatic approval of activities such as new siding; alterations that don't change window or door locations and leave significant historical features intact, replacement windows (with certain conditions), vents, heating and air conditioning equipment, solar panels, charging stations, most roofing materials, skylights, and fences 4' high or less in front of a building or 6' high or less elsewhere on the property. On Cambridge Street, restoration of original storefronts would be encouraged, and zoning-compliant signs would be exempt from review.

More information on the proposal and the full text of the report can be found on our website at: www.cambridgema.gov/historic/districtsHistoricProperties/eastcambridgencdstudy

If the report and recommendations are accepted by the Cambridge Historical Commission the matter will be sent to the City Council for adoption. If adopted, the City Manager would appoint a commission comprised of East Cambridge residents and property owners to review applications for new construction, demolition, and alterations to properties within the district.

Questions and comments can be submitted to Eric Hill at the Cambridge Historical Commission at ehill@cambridgema.gov or by phone at 617-349-4688.